

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Events of the World Boiled Down for the Busy Man to Read at a Glance.

Washington City will contend with New Orleans for the Panama Canal exposition.

Frank Bates and Dolly Bates, in jail at Centerville on a charge of murdering Ben Moon, in a desperate attempt to escape wounded Jailer Jeff St. John, mortally it is feared. The attempt failed and both prisoners were returned to the jail wounded.

The Travis county grand jury was instructed to investigate the illegal carrying of pistols.

The insurance key rate is said to be causing great improvement in fire protection in the cities and towns of Texas.

Snow fell all day yesterday at Tucumari, New Mexico.

The king of Italy entertained Roosevelt yesterday with honors usually accorded to royalty.

The refusal of Theodore Roosevelt to meet the pope is said to be having an influence on the elections in France.

More evidence of graft in the New York legislature investigation has been developed.

Two men were arrested in Dallas county charged with murdering a woman fifteen years ago.

A San Antonio street car conductor was electrocuted by picking up a live wire.

Estimates of supplies for the State's charitable and eleemosynary institutions total \$1,000,000.

O. B. Colquitt, candidate for governor, in a speech at Decatur, suggested that the anti-prohibitionists repeal the local option laws, if they defeat the prohibitionists.

The tunnel through the Andes on the railroad connecting Chile and Argentina has been completed.

The people of Houston are much wrought up on account of the numerous killings in that city and are discussing ways and means to stop the carnival of crime.

**Ancient Iceland.**  
Iceland was founded A. D. 874 by men from Norway. In the words of John Fiske, "It was such a wholesale colonization of picked men as had not been seen since ancient Greek times and was not to be seen again until Winthrop sailed into Massachusetts bay. It was not long before the population of Iceland was 50,000. Their sheep and cattle flourished, hay crops were heavy, a lively trade—with fish, oil, butter and skins in exchange for meal and malt—was kept up with Norway, Denmark and the British Isles. Political freedom was unimpaired, justice was fairly well administered, naval superiority kept all foes at a distance, and under such conditions the growth of the new community in wealth and culture was surprisingly rapid."

**His Treasurer Knows.**  
He who goes into politics must remember what he is recorded to have said, for it is the habit of the sharp nosed public to search out past utterances and hold the candidate responsible for them. John Burns, says Mr. Grubb in his life of that labor leader, once made the slip of remarking that no man was worth more than \$500 a year. Accordingly, when he became a cabinet member with a salary of \$2,000, he was obviously open to attack.

When he first met his constituents at Battersea after he was made president of the local government board a candid friend recalled the statement about a man's worth by calling out in the middle of his speech:

"What about that 'ere salary of £2,000?"

Mr. Burns was equal to the occasion.

"That is the recognized trade union rate for the job," was his apt reply.

"If I took less I would be a black-leg."

"What yer going to do with the £1,500 over?" pursued the inquisitive questioner.

"For details," answered Mr. Burns, "apply to my treasurer, Mrs. Burns."

**One of Dr. Hale's Jokes.**

When he was quite a young man the late Dr. Edward Everett Hale played a practical joke on some girls who were members of a party with whom he was summing on the Massachusetts coast.

All these girls were reading the same exciting novel, and one day at dinner it was a leading topic. Knowing that none of them had finished it, Hale, unknown to them, carried it away with him the next morning when he went to the city. On the train he wrote an absurd conclusion to the novel, laying the final scene at the summer resort.

Carrying this bogus conclusion to a publisher, a friend of his, he had it put in type, and then, carefully removing the bona fide conclusion, he pasted in his own. On his return he placed the book on the piazza and waited. The look which spread over a girl's face as she read that last chapter was, Dr. Hale declared, worth going far to see.—Woman's Home Companion.

**His Compliment.**  
The governor of a western state was making inspection of certain state institutions when he made inquiry as to the progress of a chaplain by him appointed to an insane asylum.

"How is he getting on?" asked the governor, thinking to get an unprejudiced opinion from the official acting as his guide.

"Fine!" exclaimed the man. "His preachin' is very successful, governor. The idiots enjoys it especially."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

**No Apology to Offer.**

"Why spend three years cultivating your voice if you don't intend to go on the operatic stage?"

"For the same reason, I suppose, that you've spent fifteen or twenty years in cultivating a discriminating taste for alcoholic beverages and yet don't intend to go into the saloon business."—Chicago Tribune.

**Assembling Himself.**

"Hubby, did you bring home my new switch?"

"Yep."

"And my puffs?"

"I did."

"How about my face powder?"

"Here's your complexion. Now get busy and assemble yourself."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Hard to Deal.**

Wigg—How do you get along with old Crusty? Don't you find him hard to deal with? Wagg—As hard as a worn-out pack of cards.—Philadelphia Record.

**Prejudice squirts when it looks and lies when it talks.**—Abrantes.

**Rebuked.**

Higgins—How is it you are always idling about? I never see you when you have anything to do. Wiggins—The fact is it takes so much of my time looking after other folks' business I have none left for looking after my own. Don't you find something like the same trouble yourself?—Boston Transcript.

**The Flying Dutchman.**  
The Flying Dutchman was a ship which was sometimes visible from various points of land, but more particularly from the Cape of Good Hope in very stormy weather. The story runs that her captain once swore so fearful an oath that as a punishment for his blasphemy he was condemned to beat about the oceans until the day of judgment. The Flying Dutchman was never known to get into port and was generally seen sailing under full canvas before a strong wind. The myth is generally understood to have had its origin in the waterspout, which in the distance resembles a sailing vessel.

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Including capital and surplus, it has already over \$1,250,000, but will continue to receive subscriptions for a short time, until its capital and surplus amount to \$2,000,000. It is already one of the strong companies of the country. Its active managers are men of business ability and successful experience in the management of such companies. It has a field to itself, being the only company of substantial size, located west of the Mississippi or south of Baltimore, engaged in general surety and casualty business.

The business of similar companies in the North and East has been very profitable. The average net earnings of 35 companies in 1908, according to the Spectator, a well known insurance authority, were Forty-Seven and Six-Tenths (47.6) per cent. The Fidelity and Casualty Company, New York, in ten years paid to stockholders, \$796,250 in cash and \$750,000 in stock. 718 per cent, an average of 71.8 per cent annually. The Southwestern has the best field for operation, and the best opportunity in the United States.

The Southwestern has nearly two thousand (2,000) enthusiastic stockholders in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. The success of the company is assured, and stock is selling rapidly. Agencies are being established as rapidly as possible, and the business already secured has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Wherever agencies are established, an opportunity is given for subscribing to stock, in order that the company may have strong local support. This opportunity is now open to the people of Brazos county and many conservative investors have already taken advantage of it.

Mr. J. A. Moore, Jr., has been appointed agent in Bryan, and is prepared to furnish Surety Bonds or Casualty Insurance. The undersigned will be at Mr. Moore's office, in First National Bank Building, during the week beginning April 4, to furnish further information and receive subscriptions for stock. A limited amount of stock will be sold at \$25 per share, one-fourth with the subscription and the balance payable July 1, 1910.

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W. B. Chew.—President of Commercial National Bank, Houston:

"I subscribed and paid for two hundred shares of the capital stock of the Southwestern Surety Insurance Co. \* \* \* I still believe I have made a good investment and do not hesitate to state to any of my friends who have asked my opinion regarding the company's prospects."

Sam Sparks.—Treasurer of the State of Texas, Austin:

"I have made an investigation of the merits of the Southwestern Surety Insurance Company and I am personally acquainted with several directors of said company, and am convinced that the affairs of said company are in the hands of the most substantial business men in Texas, and that it will be conducted on sound business principles, by honest and efficient men. Being convinced of its merits I have subscribed for one hundred shares of stock."

Allen D. Sanford—Lawyer, Waco, Texas:

"I have investigated the plan of organization of the Southwestern Surety Co., and feel satisfied that the plan is well laid and that the project is thoroughly feasible. I have also investigated the personnel of the company and am convinced that they are men of both moral and financial responsibility. I have myself subscribed for stock in the company."

J. S. Rives—President Bank of Commerce, Mansfield, La.:

"I have bought one thousand shares of the stock of the Southwestern Surety Insurance Co. From the number of prominent bankers and other conservative business men already connected with this company, I feel that success is assured, and that its stock will yield large returns to its stockholders."

Jas. E. Ferguson—President Temple State Bank, Temple, Texas:

"The best evidence of my faith in the Southwestern Surety Insurance Co. is that I have subscribed to two hundred and fifty (250) shares of the capital stock of said company."

W. E. Saunders—Merchant, Bryan:

"I have bought some shares in the Southwestern Surety Insurance Co. and believe it a good investment."

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"I believe that the company furnishes a fine opportunity for investments, especially at the present time when it is just beginning business, and such can be bought for \$25 per share."